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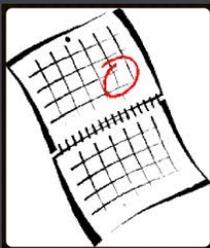
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Upcoming Events

August County Circuit Days

Utah County - Aug 6th
Davis County - Aug 13th
S.L.C County - Aug 20th
Toole County - Aug 27th

Call the office to book an appointment on these days and save on the farm call!
801.446.3046



Fall is around the corner and cooler temperatures will be in the forecast at last. We hope everyone enjoys the superb Utah fall months with your horses in whatever endeavor you choose. It is a prime time to get your family and friends together for a autumn horseback ride!

Wishing you safe travels throughout the fall. Have fun!

Sincerely,
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Product Spotlight

Featured Article

Succeed Equine Fecal Blood Test



Gastric ulcers are common in horses. Their prevalence has been estimated to be from 50% to 90% depending on populations surveyed and type of athletic activity the horses are engaged in.

While gastric endoscopy is the only way to definitely diagnose ulcers, the Succeed Fecal Blood Test is a simple and affordable way to get a look at your horses GI health.

The Succeed Fecal Blood Test is a simple 'stall-side' test that uses antibodies to detect 2 specific components of equine blood in a fresh fecal sample from a horse. Test results help determine injury - lesions, ulcers, inflammation, etc in the horses GI tract and whether it is in the foregut, hindgut, or both.

VESICULAR STOMATITIS What You Need To Know



News of the recent Vesicular Stomatitis outbreak has swept like wildfire across the the internet and social media. The current count has 7 locations in Colorado under quarantine, and 21 locations under quarantine in Texas. The disease continues to spread across these states, with reports of infected horses coming in weekly.

What is it?

Vesicular Stomatitis (VS) is a viral disease that primarily affects horses, cattle, and swine. VS is also a zoonotic disease, which means it can (though rarely) be transferred to humans who handle infected animals or equipment.

VS causes blister-like lesions around the mouth and on the tongue, lips, nose, and coronary bands above the hooves. These blisters swell and break, leaving raw tissue that is prone to infection. Crusty lesions on the face are also common in horses in the western US. While this disease is not usually life-threatening, it is very painful and can have negative impact on the horse community and industry.

How Is It Transmitted?

Vesicular Stomatitis can be transmitted by direct contact with infected animals and equipment, or by blood-feeding insects.

What To Look For...

Excessive salivation (drooling) is usually the first sign of the disease. This is followed by ulceration of the mouth and feet. Loss of appetite/desire to drink due to oral lesions and lameness due to foot lesions are normally of short duration. This disease is generally self limiting and resolves completely within 10-14 days.

Meet Our Staff

Nicki Allen



A former horse owner and current horse lover, Nicki comes to us from Southern California.

Wanting to be closer to her sister and looking for a fresh start, she moved to downtown SLC. When Nicki isn't at work (spoiling the horses with apples and carrots from her lunch) she is with her adopted 70lb mutt named Nate. Always up for a new experience, Nicki is a great addition to the SME Team.

**Think Your Horse
is Awesome?**

Treatment:

There is no specific treatment or vaccination for VS. Treatment strategies include mild antiseptic mouth washes and good sanitation to prevent secondary infections.

Prevention:

- Avoiding places where VS has occurred is the first step in prevention. Good sanitation and quarantine practices are vital in keeping the virus from spreading.
- Don't share buckets, tack, brushes, etc. with any other horses; particularly at shows and public arenas.
- Use protective measures when handling affected animals to avoid human exposure.
- Frequently disinfect potentially contaminated equipment with bleach (or a similar product).

Travel across Texas state lines has been restricted for outbound horses - for a complete list of restrictions visit:

http://www.tahc.texas.gov/news/2014StateRestrictionsOnTX_VS.pdf

Food For Thought

Yummy Summer Treats for You and Your Horse

There is nothing better than a summer picnic with friends, family, and.... horses?

Taking your horse to the park may be frowned upon, but you can always take the picnic to your horse!

Cool off with some of these horse-friendly summer treats!

Watermelon: Watermelon is a wonderful summer treat for horses. Cool and refreshing, your horse may love watermelon as much as you do. Don't want to share? Horses can eat the rinds too!

Watermelon rinds are a good low starch/low sugar option for horses with special diets.

We Do Too !



Send in a picture and answer questions to have your horse* featured on Facebook as SME's Horse of the Week!

1. Registered Name
2. Specifics (Breed, Age, Description):
3. How you got the horse/how long you have owned him/her:
4. Accomplishments:
5. Favorite Activity:
6. A Memorable Story:
7. Favorite Treat:

*Pony, Goat, Llama, Mule, Pig, Cow, etc is also welcome to be spotlighted.

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"Popsicles": Making a horse popsicle is easy and fun. Cut up some of your horses favorite treats and freeze them in water in an old ice cream bucket (or other container). When the treat is frozen, pop it out, put it in a pan and set it out for your horse. This is a fun way to help your horse stay cool and keep him busy this summer!



*Always make feed changes gradually and with moderation.

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